1.	OYT	27
2.	Special	38
3.	General	332
		397

(c) Twice

(i) During 1985-86—By 100 lines.

(ii) During 1987-88—By 300 lines.

(d) No, Sir. At present there is no proposal to expand it in near future.

Shifting of CIL Headquarters from Calcutta

655. SHRr BASUDEB MOHA. PATRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to shift the head-quarters of Coal India Ltd. from Calcutta to Ranchi in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the reasons of such shifting; and

(c) how much amount is required for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

<b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of a Petrochemical Com-plex in East Godavari District

656. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the availability of large quantity of Oil and Gas from the wells in the Krishna -Godavari Basin in Andhra Pradesh Central Government have any plan to set up a patrochemical Complex or Refiniery particularly in East Godavari District instead of sending oil and gas to Vishakapatnam which is hundred miles away from the wells resulting in heavy burden on the exchequer;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI VENGALA RAO): (a) to (c) The presently available oil and gas in Krishna-Godavari Basin do not permit the setting up of Refinery or a petrochemical complex based on C|2 C|3 from this gas in this region.

ERAX Technology

657. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any substance in the assertion that Electronic Rural Automatic Exchange (ERAX) know how developed by C-DOT is officially favoured against the one developed by ITI;

(b) if not, why was the C-DOT technology singlad out for duty concessions and whether was it jointly recommended by the Departments of Telecommunications arid Electronics;

(c) when was the ERAX technology developed in this country and whether its application has proved successful in the villages and whether this technology is also going to be applied in semi-urban areas; and

(d) which indigenous technology, whether of ITI or C DOT, is stipulated for prospectives manufacturers of ERAX?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) (i) Concessional rate of duty is not .limited to ERAX equipment based on C-DOT technology alone.

(ii) Concessional rate of customs duty was based on DCE's recommendations.

(c) (i) Indigenous technology for manufacturing . of ERAX's was de veloped between 1984—87.

(ii) Field trial of 2 C-DOT RAXs were conducted during 86—88 which proved to be successful.

(iii) Semi urban areas can also be considered for installation of ERAXs. ERAXs has a maximum capacity of 88 subscribers.

(d) Both.

Power projects in Madhya Pradesh

658. SHRI AJIT P. K, JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it *is* a fact that Gov ernment have recently cleared a 2000 M.W power unit for Chhindwara dis trict in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that inspite of this sanction, Madhya Pradesh will continue to have shortage of power in the years to come;

(d) if 30, what further steps are being taken, to generate additional power in Madhya Pradesh; and

(e) how many proposals of Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board are pending with Government in this regard and by when they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a> No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Excepting some peak-including one joint project are pend-pected to have surplus energy availability from 1989-90. Every effort is being made to expedite commissioning of ongoing projects, maximising generation from existing capacity, reducing transmission and distribution losses. Demand management and energy conservation measures are also being implemented.

(e) 11 proposals of Madhya Pradesh including one joint project are pend-ding approval but work on some of these has already started. The approval of projects in contingent on various factors including the availability of requisite clearances/inputs-and adequate resources which require close constultation with, the State authorities. As such it is not feasible to indicate a definite time limit to accord approval to projects.

Funds for new power projects in Madhya Pradesh

659. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government have requested the Central - Government to provide adequate funds for new power projects in the State:

(b) if so, what allocation has been made to the State during the last three years; and